

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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May 13, 2003

FROM: BILL POSTMUS, 1ST District Supervisor
Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT: ALLOCATION FROM FY 2002/03 PRIORITY POLICY NEEDS BUDGET

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve a \$3,500 allocation from the County's FY 2002/03 Priority Policy Needs budget to Department of Veterans Affairs for the purpose of entering into an agreement with the Twentynine Palms Chamber of Commerce to help fund welcome back ceremonies for the service members returning from Iraq.

2. Approve increase to Veterans Affairs FY 2002/03 budget as follows (four votes required):

<u>Description</u>	<u>Accounting Codes</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Special Department Expense	AAA-VAF-VAF-200-2135	\$3,500
Transfers In-Services and Supplies	AAA-VAF-VAF-541-5013	(\$3,500)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: As part of the FY 2002/03 budget process, the Board of Supervisors established a budget of \$1 million to finance unbudgeted priority policy needs as identified by the Board throughout the fiscal year. In establishing this budget, the Board required specific approval of projects identified for funding.

The Twentynine Palms Chamber of Commerce is coordinating welcome back ceremonies for the return of the Twentynine Palms service members from Iraq. They are working with local civic organizations, the City of Twentynine Palms, the County of San Bernardino, and the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center to plan welcome back ceremonies. These welcome back ceremonies provide an opportunity for area residents and the public-at-large to express their appreciation for the dedication and commitment of the local men and women who served in the recent war in Iraq. These events would serve a public purpose in this regard. Veterans Affairs will draft an agreement with the Twentynine Palms Chamber of Commerce for the use of these funds, and either bring the agreement to the board for approval or coordinate with the Purchasing department to make the payment.

Approval of recommendation #1 will allocate \$3,500 from the Priority Policy Needs Budget to Veterans Affairs for the purpose of entering into an agreement. Approval of recommendation #2 will increase the Veteran's Affairs FY 2002/03 appropriation to cover this additional expense.

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REVIEW BY OTHERS: This item was reviewed by County Counsel (Rex Hinesley, Chief Deputy County on May, 5, 2003); Veterans Affairs (Bill Moseley, Director on May 6, 2003); and by the County Administrative Office (Chris Letterman, Administrative Analyst III on May 6, 2003 and Patricia M. Cole, Administrative Analyst III on May 2, 2003).

FINANCIAL IMPACT: This action obligates \$3,500 from the FY 2002/03 Priority Policy Needs budget. These funds will be transferred to the Veterans Affairs' budget (AAA-VAF-VAF) for the recommended purposes.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): First

PRESENTER: Bill Postmus, 387-4830.